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CHRISTMAS

The Fountain of Perpetual Youth.

(By the Rev. L. L. Loofbourow.)

After nearly two thousand years Christmas shows no signs of age or weariness. We may get tired and grow old. Christmas never does. The old explorers, Ponce de Leon and the rest, sought the fabled fountain of perpetual youth—and then went the way of all flesh. But Christmas has grown younger and stronger as it feeds on the centuries.

Why?

Christmas and Childhood.

First of all, because Christmas is for children. It is for children and for those older natures who are fortunate enough to remain childlike in heart. Most of us become too childish to remain childlike. But, thank God, as we grow older (and too often cold and sour) the never-ending procession of babes and boys and girls comes trooping on. And thus the world is renewed.

What would the world be to us

If the children were no more?

We should dread the desert behind us

Worse than the dark before.

Christmas has become the world's greatest festival because it is childhood's day. It began with the birth of a baby. It is to this day the greatest birthday celebration. It is of all days THE day of childhood. As shepherds and Magi gathered about a manger cradle and offered their choicest gifts, so do the humble and the wise of earth today gather about childhood. Christmas saves us from the dry rot of life because it brings us back to the children.

Christmas and Peace

Again, Christmas has the secret of perpetual youth because it is a day of peace and good will. War is self-destructive. As David Starr Jordan has shown so conclusively that none has tried to contradict, the waste of human life in war can never be replaced. The original Christmas song was "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." The Christmas babe in his inaugural blessed the peacemakers, and called them the children of God. And though today we live under the awful shadow, we know that the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of that day. "When the war drum throbs no longer, and the battle flags are furled

In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world."

"Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end," said the prophet of old.

JAPAN, CHINA AND AMERICAN RELATIONS.

It cannot have escaped Baron Shibuzawa, the Japanese financier and philanthropist who is in Honolulu today on his homeward voyage, that Americans are watching with peculiar interest the relations between Japan and China and the growing dominance of Japan in Chinese affairs.

Very much of the future cordiality between the United States and the nation of which Baron Shibuzawa is so fine a representative rests on treatment for China that shall not be based primarily on commercial, political or military exploitation. While it is true that America is not in a position now to lodge formal protest on behalf of China, acts which tend to transfer sovereignty from Peking to Tokio will not be forgotten. The day of reckoning in world affairs may be postponed but never can it be abrogated.

Two or three recent moves in Oriental diplomacy have caused such Americans as pay attention to Chinese affairs to look for more than surface appearances. The now-famous twenty-one demands were obviously juggled. The Star-Bulletin has good authority for saying that the state department and President Wilson took a lively interest in this piece of Japanese finesse and that Japan knows that some of these demands were looked upon by Americans in the Orient and in the Occident both as vitiating Chinese sovereignty and as imperilling legitimate American interests and relations in the great awakening nation. A more recent instance of a diplomacy which at first seems inexplicable dealt with China's moves for a monarchy. The news comes directly to Honolulu that months ago Japan let China know Tokio would favor the monarchy, only to change front completely a few weeks later. This change of front has been reconciled with consistency by the ready explanations of Japanese statesmen, yet other observers see it as evidence that Tokio is playing one faction against the other, one campaign against the other, realizing that every time there is

Tomorrow we shall walk down the street and say "Merry Christmas" to our friends and even to those we may not know. Some day the nations will walk down the great highway of human life, and in the same spirit of good will which we as individuals now have they will tip their hats to each other and say, "Merry Christmas, Brother!"

In the meantime, may we be a Christmas nation, because the heart of peace and good will is in us. May we be a Christmas nation because we are peace makers.

Christmas and Religion.

Again Christmas has defied the ravages of time because it is religious. Nothing in man's higher life is more widespread than religion. Nothing of man's mental outfit endures as religion does. Christmas has lived. Christmas has lived because it is the joyous expression of one of the greatest truths of religion. God loves us. He loved us enough to become one of us. He wanted and still wants to share our joys and sorrows, the burden of our sin and our redemption. That is what Christmas means to every Christian heart. All men feel the glow and gladness of Christmas. But only he who places in the heart of Christmas a little shrine where he bows down like those of old and worships the new born King finds the full meaning of this blessed time. If you have not been making this a part of your Christmas, try it and test the result for yourself.

A festival of cheer and goodwill, accompanied by a custom of gift making, might have today great popularity, as such festivals have at times enjoyed. But this alone is wholly inadequate to account for Christmas. It has lived down through near two thousand years and spread over the world because at its best it is so distinctively and joyously religious.

"Some day we will drive out of the world and out of ourselves the things that make war and waste, sickness and sin, poverty and pain, hunger and idleness and overwork. This will indeed be CHRISTMAS (the feast of Christ), a day for all the world to celebrate together in all high fellowship, with Himself at the head of the table."

And so we say:

Thank you, Christmas, for coming to us again.

Come again, Christmas, so long as there are boys and girls and fathers and mothers.

Thank you, Jesus, for yourself and this wonderful birthday of yours which we all love!

internal clashing in China, Japanese influence may be extended further and driven deeper. It is a open secret that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, outlawed in China, found refuge—not only refuge but safeguard—in Japan. It is not so well known but just as true that in Dr. Sun's abortive revolution of 1911 Japanese soldiers were fighting with the rebels. And there is room for suspicion that Japan at least does not take drastic steps to quell the present rebellious movements where such steps could be taken.

Japan's explanation for these evidences of a national policy is that China is the bone at which the European Powers are snapping, and for China's own good the strong hand must be stretched from Tokio. Yet even the imminent danger of partition does not reconcile China to the overlordship of her island neighbor.

China looks to America for friendship and protection. The Chinese have never forgotten that America returned the Boxer indemnity money, and even in the throes of revolution China has faithfully lived up to her intention of using this money for the education of Chinese abroad. The noble work of American missionaries, teachers and medical men in the country is bearing the fruit of strong confidence. And these men, we have good reason for saying, are convinced that China needs the friendship of the United States quite as much as the firm hand of the Mikado's Empire.

This disinterested friendship fast developing in America, and already signally shown by Americans in China, cannot be ignored by Japan in any policy dealing with the Chinese. It is the aim of America to help China along the road of self-development, fitting the Chinese to govern a great nation along the lines of modern progress. And no move by Japan which will tend to set back that self-government, retard that self-development, can be regarded with passivity by Americans.

Baron Shibuzawa has let no opportunity pass to speak for lasting peace between the country he has just visited and the country where, as a citizen, he wields powerful influence. He is a man of high industrial achieve-

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—L. DE VIS NORTON: I noticed that most of the leis worn by the passengers on the Great Northern, which arrived here yesterday, came from Hilo.

—LLOYD R. KILLAM: It is interesting to know that the Japanese Boy Scouts have taken up the work with eagerness and their efficiency is surely noticeable.

—A. McDUFFIE, chief of detectives: Having a game leg, I will stay at home Christmas. The rumor that I am going to give a luau to celebrate my recovery is incorrect.

—FRED W. WEED: Lots of people complain they are sleepy when they first come to Honolulu. I have found a remedy for that and will give it out free—if you feel sleepy, go to sleep.

—MARSHAL J. J. SMIDDY: The marshal's office is going to be pretty busy from now until January 1 in winding up business affairs. The business of the last 12 months has been unusually heavy.

—S. SHEBA: The linotype machine for Japanese characters, which was tried out in San Francisco, proved to be a success. The machine will set Japanese type eight times faster than it can be set by hand.

—JULIUS W. ASCH, deputy sheriff: What will I do Christmas? Well, last Christmas I worked until 3 in the morning, went home, and at 4 o'clock was called out to investigate a murder case. Whatever I do, I hope it won't be that again.

—L. M. STRAUS (in police court): I admit that, as counsel says, I have referred to Mr. Rath's testimony in this case frequently. That is because I consider him a good witness. He is an honest man, and that's something you don't often see in a court room.

—JUDGE W. L. WHITNEY: I have every reason to believe that the Christmas celebration furnished the inmates of the industrial school at Waialae will result in making the boys better in a number of ways. It will aid in making them understand that the public has not forgotten them.

—CARL NIEFER, island representative with Hawaiian Glee Club, Detroit, Mich.: We all arrived well and happy in Detroit, Mich., from San Francisco. Detroit is some city, 750,000 people. Cold and snowy. Some place to do promotion work. Mr. Henry Ford is giving us the best the land can produce.

—R. J. TAYLOR: The Great Northern is helping to make Honolulu more prosperous. To see that fine crowd of tourists stream down the gangplank, yesterday, was to realize that the big liner means a big lot to Honolulu in hard dollars and cents. She makes the six and seven-day steamer seem like ferry-boats in comparison.

—FRED L. WALDRON: The Great Northern is running like a clock now. She came into port yesterday as much on time as an overland limited train. Capt. Asman certainly knows what his ship can do. He is a man whose judgment in seamanship is unexcelled anywhere. He never gets excited, and always brings the big liner in on time, where it is humanly possible to do so.

—CLIFFORD KIMBALL: They need some reliable automobiles on that Hilo-Kilauea volcano trip. A party of Great Northern tourists started out for the volcano Wednesday in a hired motor car. Before it had gone very far machinery trouble developed. They changed to another auto, and that soon ran out of lubricating oil. After they had enjoyed having a few more automobiles go to pieces under them, they finally arrived. Such experiences mar the enjoyment of the trip, though.

—SUPERVISOR LOGAN: With reference to the criticism of Chief Justice Robertson, I wish to say I did not presume to prescribe the cost of a city hall, but simply used the figure, \$100,000, which had been most generally heard in discussion. Half as much again would not, I believe, be prohibitory even for a cash down proposition in 1917. However, I do not consider the cost altogether a right criterion in discussing architectural or esthetic values. The Young Hotel is a million dollar pile, yet the Kaulaokalani building nearby, at one-tenth that cost, makes quite as presentable a front in all but size. Much of the million going into the federal

meat, wide sympathies and keen insight. If he should declare to his countrymen that Japan must not trench upon the sovereignty of China, he will do much to assure that peace with America for which he has spoken so often and eloquently.

Personal Mention

Y. SHIMADA, private secretary to Soichiro Asano, president of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, is on the Chiyu Maru returning to Japan.

A. M. BROWN, city attorney, who is spending the holidays on his Maui ranch, will return to Honolulu in the Mauna Kea next Tuesday.

EDWARD PATTERSON of the First Trust Company of Hilo is a visitor in Honolulu. He will return to the Crescent City in the Mauna Kea tomorrow.

JACK LONDON and Mrs. London who arrived in Honolulu in the Great Northern yesterday, have leased the Stack residence, Waikiki, for the winter.

JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL, Y. NUMANO will leave San Francisco for Japan January 8, bound for Yokohama, according to passengers of the Chiyu Maru, which arrived today.

A. C. WHEELER, acting superintendent of public works, who has been attending a meeting of the Maui loan fund committee, will return to Honolulu in the Mauna Kea tomorrow.

JOHN NAPIER, warehouseman for the Thomas Pineapple Company, who has spent the last several months touring in the states, returned to Honolulu in the Great Northern yesterday.

MISS Y. MAKAMA is among the Chiyu Maru's through passengers. Miss Makama is a Japanese artist who has been studying painting in Europe and America for the last six years.

"DENNY" MARKHAM, son of former Supervisor Markham, sends Christmas greetings to the Star-Bulletin from New York. He went to the mainland with the Traveling Chinese baseball club and has remained for the winter.

ROBERT L. OGILVIE, who was for many years teaching in the public schools of the territory, has just returned from a trip to Japan, being the second one to the Orient within the past few years. He will return to the educational service, taking a school near Hilo. His last previous engagement was at Haena, Kauai.

J. P. KINNEY will leave for Honolulu, where he will spend a portion of the winter. The family recently came to Pocatello from Wyoming. From Honolulu Mr. Kinney will go to South America, where he will take his home and engage in the book business, the pampas country being appealed to him in forcible manner, as well as to several others who are cattle growing.—Pocatello, Idaho/Tribune.

NEW HAWAIIAN SONG HIT OF NEW TEAL SOW

Last night the Raymond Teatustical Comedy Company, with aubie Hawaiian quartet, introduced the beautiful new song "Aina Alohi (Aloha Land) to a packed house and scored a great success.

George Baker sang the solo Hawaiian, backed by the glee ab in the chorus, and then Madali Rowe sang it in English, the girls coming on the stage for the chorus, grass skirts.

The song is by two local young men, Charles E. King and Wilm H. Stroud. Mr. King, who wrote the Hawaiian lyric, is a talent composer with a dozen good songs to his credit. Mr. Stroud wrote the music and the English, and belong to the local customs forces. The song will be on for the rest of the winter at the Bijou.

INJURED WOMAN UNABLE TO APPEAR IN COURT

Information having come in Schofield Barracks that Mrs. Mam H. Dudy, wife of Sgt. Maj. D. of the 1st Infantry, is more severely injured than was reported immediately after she was struck by an automobile driven by Capt. C. B. Parker, infantry, at the corner of Fort and E streets Tuesday, trial of Capt. Her on a charge of heedless driving today postponed for one week.

Mrs. Dudy is thought to be seriously hurt, but could appear in court today.

The frontier between Switzerland and Germany, recently closed by German military authorities, is reopened.

building will be eaten up the complex interior required the several diverse purposes to which the edifice will be devoted. More, my previously unwritten idea, that the building should be so designed as to be capable of enlargement, either laterally or vertically, for future needs demanded.

A HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS CAROL.

(Written for the Star-Bulletin.)
Birds are singing everywhere,
Happy, merry, Christmas!
Flowers are showing beauties rare,
Merry, happy, Christmas!
Here, in ocean-girdled home,
Here, in pleasant tropic zone,
Neath the glorious summer sun,
Cometh merry Christmas.

Day which giveth joy to all,
Happy, merry Christmas!
Poor and rich and great or small,
Merry, happy, Christmas!
Day when angel voices call,
"Praise to Him the Lord of all
And peace, goodwill to mankind fall!"
On every merry Christmas.

Santa Claus comes here always
Every merry Christmas,
Sans the reindeer, sans the sleigh
Of the lang syne Christmas.
Here is neither frost nor snow;
Here but pleasant trade winds blow;
Here is Paradise below,
And a merry Christmas.

Hawaii's homes send forth today
"A merry, happy Christmas!"
To the loved ones, far away,
"A happy, merry Christmas!"
May the God-child's natal day
Be a happy one always
From sorrow free and, every way,
A merry, merry Christmas!
—FRANK GODFREY.

The United States Shoe Machinery Company filed a motion in the United States district court at St. Louis asking that the government's suit, charging violation of the anti-trust law be dismissed.

DR. JUDD TAKES UP NEW WORK IN FRENCH HOSPITAL

Word just received by relatives of Dr. James R. Judd, who with Mrs. Judd is serving in a hospital at Julliy, France, 23 miles northeast of Paris, states that the doctor has been appointed to the position of chief surgeon, and given charge of the business part of much of the hospital work.

His new appointment takes Dr. Judd to Paris frequently to make purchases for the hospital. By the order which keeps aliens from the firing lines he has never been very near the actual fighting, but often hears the roar of guns.

The hospital at Julliy has six doctors over whom Dr. Judd has charge, 22 nurses, and rooms for 240 patients which are generally kept well filled with wounded soldiers. Dr. Judd, a famous American surgeon formerly in charge of the hospital, has been transferred to another location.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt is president of the committee in charge, and the hospital is one of the establishments of the American Ambulance Corps. Much money is needed in France for the purchase of artificial limbs for the soldiers, the doctor writes. These cost from 400 to 500 francs which is from \$80 to \$100. Dr. and Mrs. Judd will spend the entire winter there.

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